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YAMAMOTO et al. ) Art Unit 2137  
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) Examiner Kevin Schubert  
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For: METHOD FOR OBTAINING A SOLUTION )  
OF AN OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM )  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

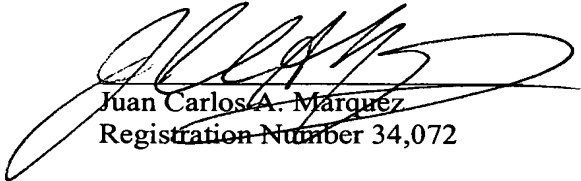
Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **three (3) months**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$1,020.00**.

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